

CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

1. A hand-held wireless communication device comprising:

a processor;

a display; and

a storage device having a browser stored therein, which when executed by the processor:

persistently displays an icon in a predetermined part of each of a plurality of display screens of hyperlinked content, the icon representing a pop-up browser menu that contains a plurality of items representing browser-specific features;

responds to user selection of a predetermined selectable item in any of the display screens by providing a user-perceivable indication that the pop-up browser menu is currently selectable; and

responds to a selection input when the pop-up browser menu is currently selectable by displaying the pop-up browser menu.

2. A hand-held wireless communication device as recited in claim 1, wherein:

the hand-held wireless communication device further comprises a selection control and a set of directional controls for moving a selection indicator bi-directionally along only a single axis; and

the hand-held wireless communication device lacks a direct pointing device;

and wherein the pop-up browser menu can be accessed by a user using only the set of directional controls and the selection control.

3. A hand-held wireless communication device as recited in claim 1, wherein the predetermined part of each of the display screens is a title bar of each of the display screens.

4. A hand-held wireless communication device as recited in claim 1, wherein the predetermined selectable item is a top selectable item in any of the display screens.

5. A hand-held wireless communication device comprising:

a processor;

a display; and

a storage device having a browser stored therein, which when executed by the processor:

persistently displays an icon in a title bar of each of a plurality of display screens of hyperlinked content, the icon representing a pop-up browser menu including a plurality of items representing browser-specific features;

responds to user selection of a top selectable item in any of the display screens by highlighting the icon to indicate the pop-up browser menu is selectable; and

responds to a selection input when the icon is highlighted by displaying the pop-up browser menu.

6. A hand-held wireless communication device as recited in claim 5, wherein:

the hand-held wireless communication device further comprises a selection control and a set of directional controls for moving a selection indicator bi-directionally along only a single axis; and

the hand-held wireless communication device lacks a direct pointing device;

and wherein the pop-up browser menu can be accessed by a user using only the set of directional controls and the selection control.

7. A method of providing a browser for a hand-held wireless communication device which lacks a direct pointing device, the method comprising:

persistently displaying an icon in a predetermined part of each of a plurality of display screens of hyperlinked content, the icon representing a pop-up browser menu including a plurality of items representing browser-specific features;

responding to user selection of a predetermined selectable item in any of the display screens by providing a visually perceivable indication the pop-up browser menu is selectable; and

responding to a selection input when the pop-up browser menu is selectable by displaying the pop-up browser menu.

8. A method as recited in claim 7, wherein:

the hand-held wireless communication device further comprises a selection control and a set of directional controls for moving a selection indicator bi-directionally along only a single axis; and

the pop-up browser menu can be accessed by a user using only the set of directional controls and the selection control.

9. A method as recited in claim 7, wherein the predetermined part of each of the display screens is a title bar of each of the display screens.

10. A method as recited in claim 9, wherein the predetermined selectable item is a top selectable item in any of the display screens.

11. A method of providing a browser for a hand-held wireless communication device which lacks a direct pointing device, the method comprising:

persistently displaying an icon in a title bar of each of a plurality of display screens of hyperlinked content, the icon representing a pop-up browser menu including a plurality of items representing browser-specific features;

responding to user selection of a top selectable item in any of the display screens by highlighting the icon to indicate the pop-up browser menu is selectable; and

responding to a selection input when the icon is highlighted by displaying the pop-up browser menu.

12. A method as recited in claim 11, wherein:

the hand-held wireless communication device further comprises a selection control and a set of directional controls for moving a selection indicator bi-directionally along only a single axis; and

the pop-up browser menu can be accessed by a user using only the set of directional controls and the selection control.

13. A machine readable program storage medium having stored therein a browser usable by a hand-held wireless communication device having a display but lacking a direct pointing device, wherein the browser, when executed on the hand-held wireless communication device, performs a method comprising:

persistently displaying an icon in a title bar of each of a plurality of display screens of hyperlinked content, the icon representing a pop-up browser menu including a plurality of items representing browser-specific features;

responding to user selection of a top selectable item in any of the display screens by highlighting the icon to indicate the pop-up browser menu is selectable; and

responding to a selection input when the icon is highlighted by displaying the pop-up browser menu.

14. A machine readable program storage medium as recited in claim 13, wherein:
the hand-held wireless communication device further comprises a selection control and a set of directional controls for moving a selection indicator bi-directionally along only a single axis; and
the pop-up browser menu can be accessed by a user using only the set of directional controls and the selection control.

15. A mobile communication device comprising:

a display device;

means for providing a user of the mobile communication device with two-way voice communication over a wireless network;

means for persistently displaying on the display device an icon in a predetermined part of each of a plurality of display screens of hyperlinked content, the icon representing a pop-up browser menu that contains a plurality of items representing browser-specific features;

means for responding to user selection of a predetermined selectable item in any of the display screens by providing a user-perceivable indication that the pop-up browser menu is currently selectable; and

means for responding to a selection input when the pop-up browser menu is currently selectable by displaying the pop-up browser menu.